The line haul costs for passenger and goods services for diesel and electric traction (BG) in terms of rupees per thousand gross tonne kilometres for the year 1999-2000 are not available. However, the line haul cost on the above services for the period 1997-98 (latest figures available) is as under:

(In Rs. per thousand gross tonne kilometres)

	Passenger	Freight
Diesel	115.18	80.59
Electric	138.46	76.61
Steam	Not available	Not available

Royalty from A.H. Wheeler & Co.

5141. SHRI P. SOUNDARARAJAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a royalty at the rate of three to four percent on the gross sales turnover is being recovered from M/s A.H. Wheeler & Co. for the last more than fifty years continuously; and

(b) if so, what are the detailed reasons for not increasing the rate of royalty to the extent of 12 per cent on the gross sales turnover, as was done in the case of catering/vending stalls, recently?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The royalty of M/s. A.H. Wheeler & Co. had been reviewed from time to time and royalty at the rate of 4% on sales turnover is being charged at present.

Intercity Train between Gwalior and Indore

5142. SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a decision was taken to start an Intercity train No. 1141-1142, to and fro Gwalior and Indore, w.e.f. July, 1999;

(b) whether the same was deferred consequent on need for additional rakes, engines and services in connection with Kargil operations last year; and

(c) whether, now that the Kargil operations are over, long back the said decision would be implemented; if so, from which date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) to (c) It was proposed to introduce 1141/1142 Indore-Gwalior Express (tri-weekly) during 1999-2000. The matter regarding change in timings of this train is under adjudication in High Court of Madhya Pradesh, Gwalior Bench. Hence, this train has not been introduced.

Stoppage of Main Line Trains at Andheri

5143. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has received any memorandum from member ZRUCCS and other organisations requesting for stoppage of main line trains at Andheri on Western Railway Mumbai-Suburban Section as on date;

(b) if so, the steps taken in this regard;

(c) whether the said proposal has been considered/is being considered; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) to (d) Some representations have been received in this regard. These were examined but not found operationally feasible, as the stoppages at Andheri would effect running of the Suburban services in Mumbai area.

Transfer of Traffic Accounts Office of NR at Allahabad

5144. SHRI C.O. POULOSE:
SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the sections of Traffic Accounts Offices of Northern Railways have since been transferred to Allahabad, as notified by Dy. CAO(T) vide her letter No. 95/TA/DKZ/New Office TA/ALD/dated 6th July, 1995;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether stations inspection section (SI) is functioning there; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) Yes Sir, all the sections notified, except for Station Inspection (SI) Section, have been transferred.